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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116**

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed June 20, 2005, in connection with the above application. A Notice of Appeal, a Petition for a three-month extension of time, and appropriate fees are filed concurrently herewith. Please enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.